

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation:** [Private Detectives and Investigators \(33-9021\)](#)

**Associated Occupation:** [Detectives and Criminal Investigators \(33-3021\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 79

**Focus Occupation:** Private Detectives and Investigators (33-9021)  
**Associated Occupation:** Detectives and Criminal Investigators (33-3021)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Public Safety and Security	6.9	16.8	8.9	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Law and Government	5.9	16.5	15.3	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	13.8	18.7	>> Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Telecommunications	3.9	7.1	4.9	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Geography	3.9	6.7	5.3	< Expanded education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 95

**Focus Occupation:** Private Detectives and Investigators (33-9021)  
**Associated Occupation:** Detectives and Criminal Investigators (33-3021)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Active Listening	11.0	14.0	13.2	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Critical Thinking	10.8	13.6	12.5	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Speaking	10.8	13.6	12.2	< A higher skill level may be required
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	11.4	11.0	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Persuasion	7.4	9.7	8.6	< A higher skill level may be required
Negotiation	6.8	9.6	8.4	< A higher skill level may be required

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 96			
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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	13.9	12.8	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	13.7	12.9	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	13.4	12.9	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Near Vision	11.1	12.9	11.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Recognition	9.9	12.2	11.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Time Sharing	6.6	8.2	5.9	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 99
Focus Occupation: Private Detectives and Investigators (33-9021) Associated Occupation: Detectives and Criminal Investigators (33-3021)		
Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Analyze existing evidence or facts	69	
Analyze handwriting	95	
Apprehend or arrest suspect or perpetrator of criminal act	84	
Communicate details in protective services settings	71	
Compile biological data for criminal investigations	89	
Compile evidence for court actions	78	
Compute financial data	53	
Conduct legal searches or investigations	82	
Conduct surveillance to obtain information for law enforcement	99	
Cooperate with court personnel or other law enforcement agencies	81	
Enforce laws, ordinances, or regulations	66	
Follow law enforcement methods or procedures	76	
Gather physical evidence	76	
Identify fingerprints	95	
Identify firearms or weapons	87	
Investigate complaints, disturbances, or violations	75	
Locate persons ( skip tracing )	89	

Make decisions	24
Manage detailed records or files in law enforcement setting	85
Operate cameras	74
Prepare reports	8
Read maps	42
Review facts to determine if criminal act or statue violation is involved	92
Testify in court for accident and criminal cases	78
Use firearms	82
Use interviewing procedures	23
Use knowledge of investigation techniques	16
Use oral or written communication techniques	1
Use surveillance techniques	87
Verify investigative information	73

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 85

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**Associated Occupation: Detectives and Criminal Investigators (33-3021)**

Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Cameras	2
Clinical forensics equipment and supplies	56
Computer data input devices	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Firearms	35
Forensic equipment and supplies and accessories	51
Information exchange software	1
Network applications software	1
Surveillance and detection equipment	11
Viewing and observing instruments and accessories	4

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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